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SUMMARY: EMBASSY AND USMTM BELIEVE THAT SECURITY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT MAY BE CONSIDERED AS COMING INTO FORCE MAY 29, 1973. IF WASHINGTON CONCURS, RECOMMEND WE SO INFORM MODA AND THAT USMTM PROCEED TO CONFIRM WITH MODA ANNEX ON TEHCNICAL ARRANGEMENTS DERIVING FROM SECURITY AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY AND USMTM CONSIDER THAT USG AND SAG HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON BASIC SECURITY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.

2. AGREEMENT AS IT NOW STANDS CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING:

A. LETTER OF SECRETARY LAIRD OF JULY 5, 1972, PUTTING FORWARD AGREEMENT, CORE OF WHICH CONSISTED OF SIX ARTICLES, (A) THROUGH (F), PLUS THREE CONCLUDING, ELUCIDATIVE PARAGRAPHS. LETTER ENCLOSED APPENDIX CONTAINING TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS. (SECRETARY LAIRD PROPOSED THAT HIS LETTER AND SULTAN'S AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE SHOULD TOGETHER CONSTITUTE SECURITY AGREEMENT.)

B. LETTER OF PRINCE SULTAN, SAG MINISTER OF DEFENSE, OF FEBRUARY 20, 1973, IN WHICH SAG ACCEPTS ALL PROVISIONS OF LAIRD LETTER
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WITH EXCEPTION OF ARTICLES (A) AND (E). LETTER PROPOSES NEW

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VERSIONS OF THESE ARTICLES.

C. LETTER OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON OF MARCH 30, 1973, ACCEPTING ARTICLE (E) PROPOSED BY SAG, AND PROPOSING ALTERNATE VERSION OF ARTICLE (A).

D. LETTER OF PRINCE SULTAN OF MAY 29, 1973, ACCEPTING ARTICLE (A) AS PROPOSED IN LETTER OF MARCH 30 (ERRONEOUSLY REFERRED TO AS LETTER OF MARCH 20).

3. BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT WITH SULTAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF USG POSITION ON FINAL ARTICLE UNDER NEGOTIATION, AGREEMENT MAY BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE COME INTO EFFECT AS OF MAY 29, 1973.

4. EMBASSY HAS ORIGINAL COPIES OF SULTAN'S LETTERS OF FEBRUARY 20 AND MAY 29. THESE WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ADVISER FOR TREATY AFFAIRS, WITH UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATIONS, ALONG WITH PHOTO COPIES OF LAIRD AND RICHARDSON LETTERS.

5. IF DOD AND STATE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY VIEW PARA 3 (ABOVE), EMBASSY MIGHT BE INSTRUCTED INFORM SAG THAT USG CONSIDERS SECURITY AGREEMENT TO HAVE COME INTO EFFECT AS OF MAY 29, 1973. AT SAME TIME SECDEF MIGHT INDICATE THAT USMTM WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH MODA RE CONFIRMATION OF TERMS OF TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS SUBORDINATE TO SECURITY AGREEMENT.
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